(2) REINSTATEMENT OF WORKERS OF THIRUVANNOOR COTTON MILL, LTD., KALLAI.

MR. SPEAKER:—"The hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan has given notice of an adjournment motion which reads as follows :—

'This Assembly stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the satyagraha by workers before the Thiruvannoor Cotton Mill, Limited, Kallai, South Malabar, for reinstatement in the mill and the failure of the Government to take necessary steps in the matter.'

I do not know how this matter can form the subject of an adjournment motion. The hon. Member seems to think that as soon as there is a strike, the matter should come up before this House on an adjournment motion! I must tell the House that it is clearly out of order as this is not a matter for which the Government are responsible."

III.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS ENTERTAINMENTS TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1953.

* THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—"Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Madras Entertainments Tax (Amendment) Bill [a], 1953, and move—

'*That the Bill be taken into consideration at once.*'

"The Madras Entertainments Tax (Amendment) Act, 1949 (Madras Act XVII of 1949), was brought into force on the 1st August 1949. Under section 1 (3) of that Act as amended by the Madras Entertainments Tax (Amendment) Act, 1950 (Madras Act XIII of 1950), the Act ceases to be in force from the 31st July 1953. We have brought forward this Amending Bill to extend the Act for a further period of three years up to and inclusive of the 31st July 1956.

"A show tax is being levied on the exhibitions of films held in Madras City at Rs. 2–8–0 for every show, on exhibitions held in municipalities notified in this behalf by the State Government at Rs. 2 for every show, and on exhibitions held in other municipalities at Rs. 1–8–0 for every show. For exhibitions held elsewhere other than those held with the cinematograph apparatus and plant moved from place to place, otherwise called touring cinemas, either in panchayat areas with a population of less than 10,000 at the last census or in non-panchayat areas, the tax levied is Re. 1 for every show.

"The question of continuing the levy of this tax for a further period of three years was examined in consultation with the Board of Revenue. The hon. Members of this House are well aware that the financial position of the Madras State is not very rosy. Considering the fall in revenue from commercial taxes, the State cannot afford to lose the fairly large income derived from this tax. Since the State is going to be partitioned shortly, we thought that the continuance of this Act for a further period of three years will

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